

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A supplemental information dissemination system being configured to provide supplemental information on managed documents having unique identifying information printed thereon, the supplemental information dissemination system comprising:

a supplemental information management server being configured to store supplemental information on each document having identifying information associated with each document; and

a supplemental information acquisition device having a display unit, the supplemental information acquisition device being configured to read identifying information for a document, and to acquire stored supplemental information on the document associated with the identifying information from the supplemental information management server,

the supplemental information management server being configured to allocate new identifying information to updated documents having changed contents printed thereon, to request or to allow updates to stored supplemental information associated with pre-update identifying information, and to indicate use to the supplemental information acquisition device of a pre-updated document having contents printed thereon being different from the changed contents and existence of the updated documents having the changed contents printed thereon,

the supplemental information acquisition device being configured to indicate on the display unit use of the pre-updated document having the contents printed thereon being

different from the changed contents and existence of the updated documents having the changed contents printed thereon.

2. (Original) The supplemental information dissemination system set forth in claim 1, wherein the supplemental information management server and the supplemental information acquisition device are connected to each other via a network.

3. (Original) The supplemental information dissemination system set forth in claim 2, further comprising a print device that both prints documents and prints encoded identifying information on the documents.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) The supplemental information dissemination system set forth in claim 1, wherein when the contents of managed documents have been updated, the supplemental information management server both allocates new identifying information to updated documents, and automatically updates stored supplemental information associated with pre-update identifying information.

6. (Previously Presented) The supplemental information dissemination system set forth in claim 1, wherein when a managed document has been deleted, the supplemental information management server requests or allows the stored supplemental information associated with identifying information for the deleted document to be updated.

7. (Previously Presented) The supplemental information dissemination system set forth in claim 1, wherein when a managed document has been deleted, the supplemental information management server automatically updates the stored supplemental information associated with identifying information for the deleted document.

8. (Original) The supplemental information dissemination system set forth in claim 3, wherein the print device prints encoded identifying information allocated to a document, an encoded network address of the supplementary information management server, and encoded information on the location of the supplementary information on the document.

9. (Previously Presented) The supplemental information dissemination system set forth in claim 3, wherein the print device prints the identifying information as a bar code.

10. (Original) The supplemental information dissemination system set forth in claim 1, wherein the supplemental information acquisition device comprises a reading unit that reads the identifying information printed on a document, and a display unit that presents supplemental information based upon the identifying information read by the reading unit and acquired from the supplemental information management server to a user in the form of text or sound.

11. (Original) The supplemental information dissemination system set forth in claim 1, wherein the supplemental information acquisition device is a bar code reader comprised of a wireless communication module.

12. (Original) The supplemental information dissemination system set forth in claim 1, wherein the supplemental information acquisition device is a copying machine comprised of a network interface and a scanner, and extracts encoded identifying information from document image data read by the scanner.

13. (Original) The supplemental information dissemination system set forth in claim 1, wherein the supplemental information acquisition device is a portable telephone comprised of a camera, and extracts encoded identifying information from document image data photographed by the camera.